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## VITAL FACTORS OF SEED POTATOES ARE FEW

pend Largely Upon Selection

Corvallis, Ore., Nov.8-(Special) Although the vital factors of good ced potatoes are few and easily learned, not many persons know and practice these essentials in selecting their potatoes for seed or for exhibition, report the O. A. C. specialist who has been called upon to judge potatoes at numerous Oregon fairs and potatoes

The leading points of good quali-

ties in potatoes are as follows: True to name, true to type, made mature, sound without bruises or cavities, uniform in size, medium size for the variety with shallow eyes and smooth skin, free from disease and

insect injuries, firm and sound. Experienced judges, score potatoes in any competion on a very definite basis, the most important items of which are the foregoing. Lots of po-tatoes that come most nearly up to these standards are the lots that will win in competition.

Since commercial potatoes have aproximately the qualities of the ex-hibition lots, it will be seen that an effort should be made to grow such otatoes. They are the best for the rade because they are the best in to grow them in commercial lots it is necessary to select seed having the same general characteristics.

While the main point in the seed potatoes should be the same as in the best exhibits it would be impossible to secure them altogether for the reason that the exhibit stock is selected from the entire amount of potatoes grown whereas the seed is selected hill by hill. Of course it is not feasi-ble to get a hill of potatoes as nearly perfect as a single potato, but this should be the standard and the ideal. The hills which bear largely of potatoes approximating the exhibit type

is the hill to select and plant from. Here again the value of this will be seen when it comes to putting the crop of pototoes on the market. The dealer will look to see whether the Burbanks are realy Burbanks or something else or a mixture of two or three varities. They will also know the general characteristics of the potato and will examine to see if the lot generally corresponds to the proper type. They will see that the potatoes are sufficiently matured to keep well, and are sound without bruises, cavities or disease spot. They will see if the potatoes are of medium size for the variety and free from knobs, hollow places, deep eyes and other indications of inferiority causing waste in preparing them for

Not one single speck of disease should be allowed on any of the selected tubers, for a few such spots will disqualify the whole lot in an ex-hibit and in planting will spread the disease in the next year's crop. Scab is easily seen and recognized. Rhyzoctonia looks somewhat like a spot of black earth that cannot be washed from the potato, making black circles near the end that can be seen as the cutside only from the closest on the outside only from the closest observation but is rather plain when

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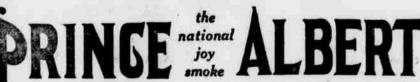
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